



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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This Week's Reporters: Jim Cameron & Joy Bennett

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TODAY'S ROTARY TEAM Presiding: Lou Christakos

Invocation: Ken Smith

Musical Coordinator – Lynn Freshman

Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

March Private-at-arms: Jim Kubarek

"BE NICE TO A ROTARIAN MONTH"

Chuck Chapin - Rotary International Foundation & our Contributions - story below



VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Dean LoBrutto – a prospective member being sponsored by Jim Murphy attended again this morning. Dean has been proposed as a member. If you have any objection to Dean's proposed membership please let the club president know in writing. In the meantime make it a point to get to know Dean at the next couple of meetings.

MEMBER NEWS

Please forward any member news to Rick Haverty – email, phone, and napkins all work.

Past member Sandy Overmier was recently promoted to Executive Director of Bayview Family YMCA Branch in Webster, congratulations, Sandy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY HELD THIS WEEK: Attending this year's assembly from our club were Lou Christakos, Lynn Freshman, Jim Cameron, Pat Mallery, Gaven Hurley, and Rick Haverty. Pat was also a session leader. Once again there were lots of good ideas, information sharing, and fellowship. Rick Haverty took the only raffle prize won by a member of our club this year. The prize – a golf discount book to go along with the other 200 sitting in his family room! More news from the assembly can be found in this week's Rotary Information section.

DICTIONARY PROJECT: Lou mentioned that the school dictionary project had a great response, and there are possibly plans forming to repeat it next year. This Rotary District project has had a terrific reception. During the District assembly District Governor Don Alhart called noted the great success of the project. Don had heard about the project while at the in-coming governors meeting in Anaheim. He mentioned the club he heard it from – Morristown!! He also noted that it was Gaven Hurley's old club and the rest, as they say, is history.

FIND A SPEAKER – GET A BOAT RIDE!: Joy Bennett mentioned that all club members are invited to help find quality speakers for our meetings, perhaps your boss, or you know someone noteworthy from the community. Contact John Bernacki, who is coordinator of our speaker's program this year. She also said

club members are welcome to join her family on their boat over this summer, contact her if you are interested in a boat ride.

PITTSFORD HS PLAYS: Pittsford Sutherland High School - Anything Goes - 3/27 & 3/28 at 8 p.m. 3/29 at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

\$9 for adults and \$5 for Senior citizens - call box office at 218-1104

Pittsford Mendon High School - Jekyll & Hyde - 4/2 & 4/3 at 7:30 - 4/4 & 4/5 at 8:00

Tickets available at Wegmans Video Dept.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN MONTREAL: There are about 350 people signed up throughout the district leaving room for about 200 more! This is the last week to get your reservations in for the May event. Our club needs a volunteer to be our District Conference reporter. If you're going to attend please consider bringing back news and even photos for the rest of the club. You too can be a part of the excitement of being an Accelerator Reporter!

RIDE FOR BLESSINGS: At the District Assembly in-coming District Governor Terri Hall introduced Maura Steed of Pittsford. Maura has had a number of trying life experiences and wants to give back in thanks for the strength and blessings she's had to help overcome these setbacks. She was widowed with two young children and also diagnosed and successfully treated for breast cancer. Maura will be riding her bike from Oregon (overlooking the Pacific Ocean) to Orleans on Cape Cod – sea to shinning sea so to speak – to raise funds for five charities. The charities are; Share our Strength (<http://www.strength.org>), Free the Children (<http://www.freethechildren.org>), Our Little Brothers & Sisters (<http://www.nphamigos.org>), Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester (<http://www.bccr.org>), and The Rotary Foundation (<http://www.rotary.org>). Checks can be made payable to Rotary District 7120 Foundation and sent to;

Maura Steed

Ride for Blessings

PO Box 735

Pittsford, NY 14534-0735

Donations will be evenly distributed to all five charities or you can designate which you would like your donation to go to.

FEATURES

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

MUSIC: We opened the meeting by singing "America the Beautiful" which was particularly poignant this morning. President Lou, as he opened the meeting, asked us to remember our troops serving overseas, who are going into a situation which is highly dangerous, with who knows what facing them. Here are some words about the song: Katharine Lee Bates, long-time professor at Wellesley College, couldn't have known that the four stanzas, hastily scribbled into a notebook on a trip West in 1893, would attain such fame. She rewrote some sections, and the new version was published In *The Boston Evening Transcript* on November 19, 1904. Perhaps the most intense criticisms centered on the word "beautiful," which some called hackneyed. But Miss Bates refused to change that word; for she claimed it best described America.

Here is a note from Katharine Lee Bates:

"One day some of the other teachers and I decided to go on a trip to 14,000-foot Pikes Peak. We hired a prairie wagon. Near the top we had to leave the wagon and go the rest of the way on mules. I was very tired. But when I



A view from Pike's Peak

saw the view, I felt great joy. All the wonder of America seemed displayed there, with the sea-like expanse."

SPEAKER: Charles Chapin of Brighton Rotary Club & Director of Rotary International Foundation.

Replace violence with voices of calm, the Rotary International is a multi-faceted foundation: polio plus eradication, health, hunger and humanity, new opportunities, Rotary peace programs, Rotary volunteer program, disaster relief, community assistant, humanitarian transportation, ambassadorial scholarships, grants for university teachers, and group study exchange. These are the Rotary foundation charities. Chuck showed videotapes to the Pittsford Rotary detailing these aspects. Funds needed from each Rotarian in our district should average about \$50 each to obtain the goals of the foundation. The average for the district presently is \$8 a member. The Pittsford Rotary Club the average is slightly above average at \$8.33 a member.

Chuck pointed out funding starts by taking less, going without a donut and coffee 1 day a week and put it in a jar. Maintain a level of investments to the foundation. Drop loose change in the jar, improvise to give a \$100 commitment annually these choices DO make a difference. Presently Pittsford Rotary does support Green Acres as a foundation commitment. Donations are collectable over 3 years. Thanks Chuck for spending the morning with Pittsford Rotary.

We are currently accepting nominations for this year's Paul Harris award. Please make your opinion(s) known. You may nominate anyone from our community – member or non-member of Rotary. Ric Juskiewicz awaits your nominations – and your tax-deductible contribution made out to Rotary International Foundation as well. Even a \$10 donation would increase our club's average!



HAPPY DOLLARS: Kevin Lane gave a buck and announced the Boy scouts will be collecting food donations next week to help stock the Food Cupboard. Pat Mallory noted the Sutherland Interact Club went to Ronald McDonald House. Pete Crooker went to the ECAC Hockey Tournament this weekend.

50/50 WINNER: Fred Gallina who then made a \$5 happy donation for a great day – now that's justice. The way our 50/50 works Fred probably had to add a few of his own bucks to make up the fiver!

ROTARY INFORMATION: The District Assembly – Held at SUNY Geneseo

The District assembly focuses on three primary areas, a report of our year to date, the vision for next year, and Rotary leadership training. Among the trainers this year was Pat Mallory who hosted a session about Interact Clubs that was well attended. District Governor Don Alhart summarized this year's accomplishments and included a plug for the dictionary project – mentioning Gaven Hurley by name. In-coming District Governor Terri Hall presented next year's Rotary theme – "Lend a Hand". Our Rotary President next year is Jonathan Majiygbe from Kano, Nigeria (just when I was starting to pronounce – and spell - Bhichai Rattakul's name correctly). There was way too much information at the assembly to capture in the newsletter, but here are a few points of interest;

- Our District was at risk of losing the Mount Morris club due to lack of membership. The District has made efforts to revitalize the club and it looks like it will be saved. Mount Morris is the home of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- There are also efforts underway to start clubs in the High Falls and Park Ave areas of the city.
- As part of the Vocational Services avenue of service, the District is looking into adding a jobs website.



Lend a Hand

- District awards next year will be extended to include web site awards.
- District membership has been falling. The District had well over 3,000 members a few years back. The current membership is about 2,900. In spite of the success we've had in the Pittsford club many other clubs are having trouble recruiting qualified members.
- Member dues to the District will increase next year from \$21 per member to \$25. Other Districts in the Northeast are in the range of \$23 to \$30. Our \$21 fee was the lowest in the area. The Pittsford club will establish its dues later this year. The components include the \$25 District fee, a Rotary International fee (not announced for 2003-2004 yet), our Camp Haccamo obligation, and funds needed to operate our club. Our inclination will be to "hold the line."
- The overall District budget was \$69,250 this year. The planned budget for next year is \$72,500.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Every action of our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity." - Irish playwright **Sean O'Casey**

JUST FOR FUN: A woman went to the doctor's office, where she was seen by one of the new doctors, but after about four minutes in the examination room, she burst out screaming as she ran down the hall. An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, and she told him her story. After listening to her, he led her into another room and told her to sit down and relax.

The older doctor marched down the hallway back to where the first doctor was and demanded "What's the matter with you? Mrs. Terry is 63 years old, she has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?" The new doctor continued to write on his clipboard and, without looking up, he said, "Does she still have the hiccups?"

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- APR 6** - "Taste of the Finger Lakes" (Victor Farmington) 1PM- DiPacific's
MAY 2 - 4 - District Conference- "Montreal '03" "C'est Magnifique!"
MAY 10 - Rotary Community Invitational Golf Tournament Honeoye Falls-Mendon
MAY 17 - 18 - Bath Rotary Pancake Breakfast At the Home and Recreation Show
JUN 1 – District RED WINGS Game at Frontier Field

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

On-Going –

- Pittsford Food Cupboard, 2-hour shifts on Tuesdays or Fridays between 10:00am and 2:00pm and special events.
- Verna Hospice needs volunteers, you can volunteer by contacting Linda Eastman at 385-4745.

MAY 17 – ANNUAL PITTSFORD ROTARY FISHING DERBY

MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

Name in <brackets> is the greeter, speakers follow. If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker please contact John Bernacki for scheduling.

***** **NEXT WEEK** *****

26 March: < **Matthew Wahl** > **Know Your Member - Nick Tagliarino**

2 April: < Jackie Swift > Cindy Hunt – A talk about Malawi, Africa (Remember Matt Wahl's trip?)

9 April: < Mary Alice Price > Tom Durkin – President of Pittsford Little League

16 April: < Tim Hayes > Joe Testani – Rochester FBI office, terrorism specialist

23 April: < Roger Zaenglein > Richard Mackson – Moving from film to digital photography

30 April: < Jennel Dillon > Dan Hucko - Vice President for Corporate Communications and Investor Relations for Harris Interactive – the polling folks. <http://www.harrisinteractive.com>

7 May: < Kevin Lane > TBD

14 May: < Nick Tagliarino > Nancy McAlaine Evale – Long Term Care specialist from GE Capital will talk about who needs LTC, Medicare / Medicaid, protecting your estate, costs of coverage and other related topics.

21 May: < Rick Haverty > TBD

28 May: < Helmut Albrecht > TBD

4 June: < Lynn Freshman > TBD

11 June: < Bob Vukosic > TBD


18 June: < Beans Bement > TBD

25 June: < Jim D’Aiello > TBD

HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:

<http://www.rotary.org> - Rotary International

<http://www.rotary7120.org> - Our District

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